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October 30, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. KISSINGER

FROM: JOHN D. NEGROPONTE

SUBJECT: Porter Message on Your Press Conference

Ambassador Porter has sent you a message (Tab B) congratulating you on your press conference statement and speculating that Thieu may come up with a gambit such as a national referendum on a ceasefire or other aspects of the agreement.

We have drafted a self-explanatory reply (Tab A), thanking Porter for his message.

Recommendation:

That you approve the cable to Porter at Tab A.

Approve ✓ Disapprove_____ Other_____

Per C05105886 DOS has reviewed pg 3

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FOR: AMBASSADOR PORTER, PARIS

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

REFERENCE: Paris 962 25X1

1. Thank you for your kind words.

2. Appreciate your comments on possible Thieu ploy. As you know, he has floated idea of referendum to determine make-up of the Council. However, we don't think he'll go so far as to suggest a referendum on the draft agreement itself.

3. Warm regards.

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FM AMBASSADOR PORTER PARIS 962
TO THE WHITE HOUSE EYES ONLY DR. HENRY KISSINGER
1. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MASTERFUL AND PERSUASIVE PRESS STATEMENT. TO EXTENT I HAVE SAMPLED LOCAL OPINION, YOUR MOST REASONABLE REQUEST FOR ONE MORE MEETING EFFECTIVELY PUT BALL IN HANOI'S COURT. IT WILL BE MOST INTERESTING TO WATCH HOW THEY HANDLE IT.
2. I HAVE ONE COMMENT BEARING ON SUBSTANCE. BASED ON PRESS DESPATCHES COMING OUT OF SAIGON AND NOTHING ELSE, I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL THAT THIEU MAY HAVE SOME GAMBIT SUCH AS NATIONAL REFERENDUM UP HIS SLEEVE. HE COULD EASILY PHRASE A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER POPULATION WOULD FAVOR CEASEFIRE WITH NVA ELEMENTS STILL IN SVN. HIS RESOURCEFULNESS, AS YOU KNOW SO WELL, IS MATCHED ONLY BY HIS DETERMINATION.
3. WARM REGARDS.
AMBASSADOR PORTER

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